

House Resolution No. 2386

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Eric Lowder was born in 1948 in Springfield, Massachusetts; spent much of his childhood in the southern United States; and moved to Saint Louis before graduating from Kirkwood High School; and

Whereas, Eric Lowder attended the University of Missouri-Columbia on an athletic scholarship in football in order to earn a Bachelor's degree in education with minors in psychology, physiology, and health; and

Whereas, commissioned as an officer in the United States Army, Eric Lowder served in the Military Police during the Vietnam Era for four years and then in the Reserves/National Guard for another six years while pursuing additional college courses and developing a business opportunity in interstate commerce; and

Whereas, Eric Lowder owned and operated an interstate trucking company for seven years before becoming certified to teach children with emotional disturbance, learning disabilities, and mental retardation; and

Whereas, Eric Lowder taught in a traditional public high school for four years and in a self-contained classroom for children with severe emotional issues in a residential facility for one and one-half years; and

Whereas, Eric Lowder also became an advocate with Missouri Protection and Advocacy Services, Incorporated, a volunteer with the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program in the Family Court of Saint Louis County, a volunteer Educational Surrogate Parent, and a Policy Analyst and East Region Director for Missouri Statewide Parent Advisory Network (Mo-SPAN):

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to commend the stellar accomplishments associated with the life and work of Eric Lowder and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for many more achievements to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Eric Lowder.

Offered by _____
Representative Mark Wright
District No. 137

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2386, adopted April 21, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker